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Miss Jeannie Dixon
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Dear Jeannie,

You compliment me with your kind request for an endorsement of your fine magazine. Let much as I would like to respond, especially since the request comes from you, I find myself peculiarly abridged by the restrictions that go with this job. At the time of my appointment, I was admonished to seek anonymity in this post. And while complete anonymity obviously is impossible in any agency of government, I have tried to comply with that injunction. But however conscientiously I do strive to remain in the shadows, it occasionally becomes impossible to avoid such items as the one you plan to pick up from CORNET.

Thus, even though CIA may be publicized in your magazine, I am sure you will agree that publication of a testimonial to 550,000 readers would only make it that much more difficult for me to remain undercover. However, even if I cannot tell each of your readers, I have no reluctance in telling you how much I value your magazine.

Sincerely,

SIGNSD

Walter B. Smith
Director

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